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Subject: MidCoast TMDL Local Advisory Committee - Invitation and SAVE THE DATE
[Mid-Coast TMDL Process Design draft 02-17-12.pdf](#)

Dear MidCoast Basin Stakeholder:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is convening a local stakeholder advisory committee (LSAC) to assist in the development of implementation-ready total maximum daily loads (IR-TMDLs) in Oregon's MidCoast Basin (collectively, the MidCoast TMDL). The stakeholder process will be facilitated by a team from Oregon Consensus, with support from U.S. EPA through its National Watershed Contract. Please consider this email an invitation to participate as a member of the LSAC. An invitation letter will follow shortly.

The LSAC Kick-off meeting is being scheduled for the following date and location:

DATE: March 20, 2012:

LOCATION: Newport, OR (TBD)

TIME: 9:00 am– 5:00 pm

RSVP is requested in order to confirm your interest, prepare for the Kick-off meeting and finalize logistics.

A Voting Button is included for use in your Reply, if supported by your email system.

Memberships in the LSAC, technical working groups (TWGs) and Ad Hoc Policy Group have not been finalized. Final composition of these groups will depend on interest levels and the responses from stakeholders like you. Potential LSAC members have been identified based on a variety of factors and should include representatives from local, state and federal government, special districts, Tribal Nations, private industry, forestry, agriculture, conservation, NGOs, watershed councils, landowners and others as identified. Organizations will be encouraged to identify a primary and an alternate representative to enhance participation. The TWGs will be assembled based on topic, objectives and expertise, so their size and composition will vary.

The draft Facilitation Process Design Outline (attached) generally defines the LSAC, TWG and Policy group composition and role(s), along with projected meeting topics for each primary water quality issue to be addressed by the LSAC. Please recognize that many details are being finalized. Operating Principles will be developed for the LSAC to define the Committee's scope, roles, and the expectations for a committee member. At a minimum, LSAC members must be willing to represent their organization as well as communicate with their stakeholder base. The DEQ-Oregon Consensus Project Team will be responsible for preparing meeting agendas and supporting materials, meeting summaries, action items and Reports, and maintain a website or other tool to access information, so that LSAC representatives can focus on participation and communicate efficiently back to their organizations and constituency.

Additional information will be sent in the near future with an agenda for the Kick-off meeting and projected schedule for the process. Thank you for your interest in the MidCoast TMDL stakeholder process.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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